

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

January 3, 2001

RCN LONG DISTANCE COMPANY
RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF MAINE
Requests to Abandon Service
Docket No. 2000-818

ORDER GRANTING
AUTHORITY TO
ABANDON SERVICE

AND

RCN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.
Petition for Finding of Public Convenience
and Necessity to Provide Service as an
Interexchange Telephone
Utility as a Reseller
Docket No. 2000-819

CORRECTED
ORDER GRANTING
AUTHORITY TO
PROVIDE **LOCAL**
EXCHANGE AND
INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE AS
A RESELLER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On September 5, 2000, several affiliated companies filed a letter requesting the Commission to allow RCN Long Distance Company (RCN LD) and RCN Telecom Services of Maine (RCN ME) to abandon their authorities to provide service in Maine, and to allow RCN Telecommunications Services, Inc. (RCN TS) to be granted the same authority to provide service as is presently held by RCN LD and RCN ME.

RCN LD obtained authority to provide resold interexchange service in Docket No. 96-303. RCN ME obtained authority to provide resold local exchange and interexchange service in Docket No. 98-797.

RCN LD, RCN ME and RCN TS are all affiliated interests of each other, under common ownership. The service, rate schedules and terms and conditions of the successor entity, RCN TS, will be identical to those of the public utilities that are abandoning service, RCN LD and RCN ME. In cases where a change such as the one before us has resulted in a change in rates or terms and conditions to existing customers, or there has been a material name change, we have required the abandoning utility to provide notice to its customers. As this transaction will not present either such change, we will not require notice.

By this order we grant authority to RCN TS to provide resold local exchange and interexchange service subject to all provisions of the orders granting authority to provide such service to RCN LD and RCN ME. To the extent that there is any conflict between the orders granting authority to RCN LD and RCN ME, the provisions of the Order granting authority to RCN ME (Docket No. 98-797), shall control, as it is the later Order.

RCN TS has stated that it will file a revised schedule of rates, terms and conditions that will reflect the corporate and name change of the entity providing service and that will maintain identical services, rates, terms and conditions as those under the RCN LD and RCN ME tariffs. RCN TS shall do so within 30 days following the date of this Order, and shall file them under Docket No. 2000-819. The Director of Technical Analysis may approve the revised tariff. Upon that approval, the cancellation of the authorities of RCN LD and RCN ME, and the authority of RCN TS shall become effective.

Wherefore, we

O R D E R

1. That the requests, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104, by RCN Long Distance Company and RCN Telecom Services of Maine to abandon service are hereby granted;

2. That the petition, filed pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 2102, of RCN Telecommunications Services, Inc. for a finding of public convenience and necessity to provide resold local exchange and interexchange public utility telephone service is hereby granted; RCN Telecommunications Services, Inc. shall be bound by and subject to all provisions, including the ordering paragraphs, of the orders granting authority to RCN Long Distance Company and RCN Telecom Services of Maine in Docket Nos. 99-303 and 98-797. If there is any conflict between those two orders, the provisions of the Order in Docket No. 98-797 shall control;

3. That RCN Telecommunications Services, Inc. shall file new rate schedules and terms and conditions, substantively identical to the rate schedules, terms and conditions of RCN Long Distance Company and RCN Telecom Services of Maine within 30 days following the date of this Order; and,

4. That this Order shall become effective on the date that the Commission or the Director of Technical Analysis approves the rates, terms and conditions of RCN Telecommunications Services, Inc.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 3rd day of January, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Diamond

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Nugent